

AT THE CAPITOL.

TARIFF GIVES WAY TO THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

CONGRESSMAN CARUTH HAS A SCHEME

Which Will Benefit the Traveling Public. District Matters—Minister Phelps Will Not Resist.

The tariff bill was laid aside in the Senate this morning, and on motion of Mr. Frye the River and Harbor bill was taken up. Mr. Hampton having asked Mr. Frye to allow him to have a bill taken up for a moment, Mr. Frye excused himself for declining to do so, and said that he had asked the Finance Committee to let him have two days for the consideration of the River and Harbor bill—to-day and to-morrow—and that he should ask the Senate to remain in session to-morrow until the bill was finished.

In the House, the House this morning immediately after the reading of the Journal considered the conference report on the Indian Appropriation bill. Mr. Perkins had charge of the report.

District in Congress.

During the consideration of the River and Harbor bill this morning Mr. Frye offered an amendment in reference to the Long Bridge and giving the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company authority to change the alignment of its track on Fourteenth street.

Mr. Edmunds made the point of order that the amendment was general legislation, and was out of order in an appropriation bill.

After discussion the matter went over without determination.

Neither District Committee met to-day, the House Committee failing to get a quorum.

Taking a Rest.

Senator John B. McPherson will go to the Jersey seashore for a few days' rest while the River and Harbor bill is under consideration. He will return in time to resume his control of the debate on the Phib bill.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

MR. CARUTH'S IDEA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC.

During the last Congress Representative Caruth of Louisville, Ky., one of the brightest men in the House, urged Postmaster-General Dickinson to cause to be established, under the authority given him by law, receiving boxes for mail matter at all the railway stations of the country where a post-office is maintained.

In support of the idea Mr. Caruth was backed by the request of the various divisions of the Postmaster-General's Association of the United States and filed resolutions from those bodies before the Postmaster-General. The convenience of the arrangement commended it to the traveling public. By this means the business man or traveler desiring to mail a letter, would not be compelled to trust to the uncertainty of some idler or stranger who happened to be about the depot, but could place it with his own hands in an authorized mail box, to be collected by some recognized officer of the Government.

Recently there has been some revival of talk in favor of the establishment of these boxes, and to carry out the idea Mr. Caruth yesterday introduced a bill to amend the act so as to make it the duty of the Postmaster-General to cause receiving boxes to be placed at all the railroad stations where a postoffice is kept. The bill is referred to the Committee on Postoffices and Post-roads.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS.

HE WILL NOT RUN FOR CONGRESS THIS YEAR—WILL REMAIN MINISTER.

William Walter Phelps will not resign his present position as Minister to Germany to run for Congress again as has been rumored. Phelps' district is at present represented by Mr. Beckwith of Patterson. Phelps, who expects to resign the postoffice at a second time and will probably be successful. He recently received a letter from Mr. Phelps in which he inclosed some newspaper clippings which had been sent him by friends on this side of the water. They stated that he had no intention of resigning his present office. He liked the work very well and had had enough of Congressional life. When he retired from his present position he would settle down as plain Mr. Phelps. The letter also said that Mr. Phelps would be glad to see Mr. Beckwith again occupy the seat that he had held in Congress. The non-resigning convention in the Patterson district will be held the latter part of this month.

Republican Campaign Committee.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee yesterday completed its organization by electing Representative Thomas C. Carter of Montana, secretary, and Edward C. O'Brien of New York, treasurer. After September 1, Mr. O'Brien will be secretary of the campaign, while Mr. Carter will be chairman of a sub-committee of the Republican National Committee appointed for that purpose.

House of Representatives will accordingly fall upon Mr. Seiden, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Clarkson.

Could Have Gone Farther.

From the State Journal (Colored Organ).

The Quay Club had gone a step farther and included the McKinley bill in their condemnation of the Force bill. They have an illustrious example in the person of Secretary Blaine, who says the bill will not open a market for another bucket of wheat or another barrel of pork. Besides, the negro bears all the burden and gets none of the benefits.

To Deal with Original Package.

From the Atlantic Constitution.

What, then, is the proper remedy for the original package evil? It is simply to fall back upon the tremendous police power of a State, under which the original liquor need never be sent out for a drive with mamma, and I haven't another bit to wear.

They Always Take Them In.

From the Boston Herald.

Wales (to English Duke)—What part of the States did you do?

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CAPTAIN THOMAS D. SINGLETON.

The Honor About His Feat With the Police Was False.

In further explanation of the unwarranted and absurd story which appeared in Wednesday's Critic regarding Captain Thomas D. Singleton, it seems that the reporter was imposed upon by a so-called friend of himself and his name. The man's name is Wallace, and he told this Critic reporter the story as it appeared, thinking it would be a joke on Mr. Singleton. It would have been had there not been so many trifling inaccuracies in it.

In the first place Captain Singleton is a member of the Light Infantry and a well known popular officer. He had charge of the largest range at the company when his company was ordered. He is himself a first class marksman, and was personally complimented by General Ordway and requested to go to Cremona.

There was never any complaint by the neighbors of an alleged private rifle range in the rear of Mr. Singleton's store for many reasons, and consequently no occasion for the interference of the police. The story was a hoax and a "fake" of the worst description, imposed on credulous reporter, and was absolutely untrue.

THE DAQUERRE MEMORIAL.

Unveiled at the National Museum This Afternoon.

The Photographers' Association concluded its business to-day and adjourned.

Resolutions of thanks to the officers, the press and those who were adopted.

It was announced that \$100 additional had been subscribed toward the Daquerre memorial fund and then awards were announced.

George H. Hastings was awarded the grand prize, valued at \$235, and other awards were made.

The memorial unveiling exercises took place in the rotunda of the National Museum at 3 o'clock.

The exercises were in charge of last year's executive committee, viz: H. McMichael of Buffalo, N. Y., George H. Hastings of Boston, Mass., J. M. Appleton, Dayton, Ohio; O. P. Smith, Chicago; Mr. Carlisle, D. C., Washington, D. C. Mr. McMichael was master of ceremonies. The statue has been previously described.

A BOAT-BUILDING SENATOR.

Mr. Kenna of West Virginia Forced to Avoid All Excitement.

Senator Kenna, who is still in poor health on account of serious valvular troubles of the heart, has been strictly forbidden by his physicians to engage in any exciting occupation. He has been warned that any shock due to excitement is liable to result in instant death. His family and friends have had some difficulty in getting him to consent to remain quietly at home. They have succeeded thus far in keeping him away from the Senate for several weeks.

Finding some occupation necessary, says the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record to-day, he has rented a spot near his residence, and is now engaged in boat-building. Every morning and night he may be seen going to and from his workshop, dressed in the garb of a laborer, with his tools in his hand, accompanied by members of his family. The Senator is at present in command of the boat-building, twenty feet in length, to be used when completed on the waters of the Upper Potomac.

Winners at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 15.—First race, Vancleave 1, Guardian 2, Caprice 3. Time, 3:04.

Second race—King Crab 1, Granite 2, Puzzle 3. Time, 1:43.

Third race—Tonetta 1, National 2, Goldenrod 3. Time, 5:04.

Fourth race—Maid of Orleans 1, Major Tom 2, Ban Chief 3. Time, 1:49.

Fifth race—Architect 1, Bob Miller 2, Profligate 3. Time, 1:17.

Sixth race—Coccol 1, Gunwad 2, Raymond 3. Time, 1:44.

Venezuelan Claims Decided.

The Venezuelan Commission decided several claims to-day, in one of which Seth Driggs was allowed \$1,000, with 5 per cent interest from 1846.

Several other cases were decided against him.

In Gowan & Copeland's case the commission allowed the claimant \$29,000 without interest. Mr. John S. Blair, Mr. William S. Filippin and Carlisle & McPherson represented the claimants. Mr. Ashton also filed a brief for the Government.

Child's Play for a Court.

Frank Gilliam, a colored man who stole four tomatoes, was before Judge Mills to-day charged with larceny.

His Honor told Frank that he would have to pay a fine of five cents.

The letter also said that Mr. Phelps would be glad to see Mr. Beckwith again occupy the seat that he had held in Congress. The non-resigning convention in the Patterson district will be held the latter part of this month.

Death of Dr. Thompson.

HARTFORD, CONN., Aug. 15.—Dr. Charles Steele Thompson died last night at the residence of his son-in-law Postmaster-General Dr. Thompson.

He was 90 years old and was the oldest living graduate of the Yale Medical College.

Railroads in Ireland.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The bill providing for the construction of railroads in Ireland was brought up in the House of Commons last night, and after a lengthy discussion, the bill, by a vote of 12, was ordered to a third reading.

Argentine Financial Troubles.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—A Buenos Ayres dispatch states that at a meeting of the Parliamentary committee the Minister of Finance announced that the Government would not authorize any new issue of paper money.

Sent Down for Six Months.

Judge Mills gave Frank Riley six months for indecent practices this afternoon. Officer Finney gave some very damning testimony against the man.

She Was Harmed Out.

From the Boston Herald.

Ellis—Why, Maude, are you coming in to-day?

Maude—No. That little wretch of an Ade dressed her doll in my baby's dress this morning and has gone out for a drive with mamma, and I haven't another bit to wear.

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THE TEUTONIC'S QUEER LOG.

Captain Watkins of the Royal Ship Discovers Its Figures.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Teutonic's log, according to which she beat the record of the City of Paris, is so inaccurate, according to Captain Watkins of the City of New York, as to leave the Paris still the champion ocean greyhound. The Captain says: "I cannot see how the Teutonic made fifteen miles more distance than we on the City of New York did when we had her in sight half the way over. Another peculiar thing, which is shown by a comparison of the logs of the two ships, is that at noon on the second day out, while it appears there were only two miles distance in longitude between the two vessels, the Teutonic's distance record shows that the ship was nine miles further from Queenstown than we were at the same time. Then again, at noon on Sunday the Teutonic had made 1,453 miles and the City of New York, 1,453 miles from Queenstown, showing that the former was forty-six miles ahead."

On Tuesday noon the Teutonic, according to her own record, was 440 miles from Sandy Hook, while we were 355 miles out, showing, upon this basis, that the Teutonic had only gained two miles on us in forty-eight hours.

The distance logs for the same period show that the Teutonic made 963 miles while we made 963 miles, which is a difference of seventeen miles. Now, how the Teutonic could sail nineteen miles further than we did during the forty-eight hours from Sunday noon to Tuesday noon, and yet have gained only two miles is a mystery to me."

LOYAL LEGION EXCURSION.

Movements of Distinguished Gentlemen Attendant on the G. A. R.

BOSTON, Aug. 15.—Over a thousand companions of the Order of the Loyal Legion of America, some accompanied by their wives and families, enjoyed a happy excursion yesterday in the steamer New York, General Sherman, General Noble, General A. M. Dudley, General Buckley, Collector Beard, Governor Martin, Mayor Hart, and other noted military gentlemen were of the party. The squadron and Fort Warren were visited.

The Vendome lost three more of its notable guests yesterday.

Secretary Frank left on the shipyard Baltimore for New York. Ex-Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin found that the excitement of the week had begun to tell on him, and instead of staying in the city, he returned to Bangor. Secretary of the Interior Noble left at 7 p. m. for Washington. General Alger and his family, Mrs. General Logan and her family, and daughter-in-law, General Sherman and his son and daughter-in-law and General Slicks will remain in the city until Saturday, unless something occurs to alter their plans as now formed.

TWENTY THOUSAND SEALS STOLEN.

Only a Matter of a Few Years When Seals Will Be Extinct.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Captain Kirklin of the steamer St. Paul, which arrived yesterday from Olanak, says the packers at Victoria this year have secured 20,000 seals, and in consequence the North American Commercial Company which leases the seal rookeries from the Government finds the take reduced to 20,000 seals. The Captain says it is only a matter of a few years when seals will be extinct. At Olanak this was reported there were fifty-five poaching vessels at Sand Point on their way to Behring Sea, and that a single attempt has been made thus far to interfere with any of these contraband vessels.

Slipped With a Music Teacher.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Herald reports the disappearance from her home, at 224 Grand street, Brooklyn, of Mrs. Henry Schuyler, wife of a manufacturer of musical instruments. The woman took with her her 13-year-old daughter and \$7,000 of her husband's money. She is believed to have eloped with a music teacher named Frederick Schwarz, with whom she has long been infatuated. Schwarz is 27 years of age and married, while Mrs. Schuyler is 46 years old.

An Editor Tamed and Feathered.

ACUZA, CAL., Aug. 15.—J. M. Bentley, editor of the News, was yesterday taken out by armed men and tarred and feathered for publishing an article reflecting on the conduct of Miss C. E. Frasier while teacher of the Acuzas grade school. The parties implicated are being arrested.

Alleged Newspaper Swindlers.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 15.—The Utica Evening Post says that the newspapers throughout the country are being swindled by two newspaper swindlers named Aubrey C. Hamilton and James A. Dawson, and earnestly asks for information regarding their whereabouts.

Not a Pleasant Thought.

From the Yankee Gazette.

"Husband, dear, that clock I ordered has arrived."

"Certainly it has, but what are you so lugubrious about? There is nothing especially depressing in that announcement, is there?"

"Isn't, eh? I'd like to know if it wouldn't make any man feel bad to be told that his time had come?"

Possible Paradoxes.

From Money's Weekly.

A good author is sometimes very poor.

A tall man is sometimes very short.

A white man is sometimes very green.

A blue book is sometimes read.

A tenderloin steak is sometimes very tough.

A lawyer is sometimes an honest man.

Married and Died.

Died.

REITS—At Providence Hospital, at 10 p. m. Wednesday, (last instant), Daniel J. Reits, a native-born member of the Grand Lodge, No. 1, of the Grand Order of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, died at the age of 74 years.

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